



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Marie Rose Yamnitzky

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For: POLYMER COMPOUND AND POLYMER LIGHT-EMITTING DEVICE USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to two distinct species. In particular, the Examiner requires Applicants to elect one of formula (1) or formula (2), make further elections with respect to variables a and b if formula (1) is elected, make further elections with respect to variables l, m, n, o and p if formula (2) is elected, make further elections with respect to the Ar and E variables present based on the preceding elections and, with respect to claim 11, elect one of formulae (4), (5), (6) or (7) for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claims 1-24 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, in claim 1, Applicant elects formula (1), wherein a = 1, b= 0, Ar₁ is an arylene group, Ar₂ is an arylene group, E₁ is an aryl group, and E₃ is an aryl group. With respect to claim 11, Applicants elect formula (4), wherein Ar₁₂ is an

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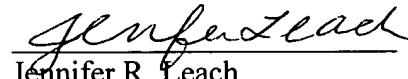
arylene group. Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to Polymer Compound 3 in Example 1 on page 107 of the specification as representative of the species elected in claim 11. Applicants submit that claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, and 12-24 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

All the claims read on the elected species. However, if any claims are found to be non-elected, Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to any non-elected claims.

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